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## Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

September 8th, 2015

Emigration Canyon Fire Station

7:00 PM

**Officers Present:** Rick Raile; Chair, Steve Borst; Co-Chair, Lincoln Nehring; Treasurer, Jessica Steed; Secretary.

**Members Present:** Gary Bowen, Joe Smolka, Tyler Tippetts, Jen Hawkes, Joan Gallegos.

**Community Representatives Present:** Rita Lund; SLCO, Officer Rusty Wright; UPD, Michael Conn; UFD, Cara Trevino; SLCO.

**Welcome.** Rick Raile.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Yes

### **Presentations:**

**Meet the EID Candidates: Jamie White, Robert (Bob) Staggers, Trevor Irons, Mike Hughes, and Dave Bradford.**

Jamie White: He put forth his and Trevor Irons' agendas, and encouraged people to vote for both of them. Wants to streamline the system, wants to put things to a vote to the canyon to make changes, will stop using the EID money to fight the legal battle. They would try to streamline the administrative costs as much as possible. They don't have access to the financials of the EID. He feels the fire hydrants and fire stations are not necessarily. [jamie.white@emigrationwater.org](mailto:jamie.white@emigrationwater.org)

Bob Staggers: has learned a lot about water as he's found his water rates continually rise. Worried that there's not enough being done to mitigate the costs. One thing he'd like to do is to do away with the monthly salary the board members receive. He's worried about transparency, that it's a closed group. He can't figure out who EID answers to. Question from the audience: if you were on the board, would you have approved the building of the new well, which now provides 75% of our water? He thinks we have sufficient for what we need, and that we don't need to expand the system, but he doesn't have enough information to say for sure. Question from the audience about his opinion on the lawsuit: "a lot of smoke, but there's some fire there." Question about if he has specific improvement district experience, which he said he doesn't. [bobstaggers@sisna.com](mailto:bobstaggers@sisna.com)

Trevor Irons: He is a hydrologist by career. He stated that the EID needs to get more data and a team of experts before we make decisions. He wants to bring that kind of professionalism to the system. Bring science and proper management and professional viewpoint to the system. He said there's very little data that exists, there needs to be a lot more data collected. [Trevor.irons@emigrationwater.org](mailto:Trevor.irons@emigrationwater.org)

Mike Hughes has been chairman of the system for 16 years, with different boards. Stated they are completely transparent, they hired the head of the University to do their mapping, which took 2 years, hired a hydrologist and his company to continue to provide information. They go through extensive research before they make decisions. Tried to correct the possibility of a communication problem. Through the years of wet and dry they've delivered water very well. The users pay all of the fees, those in the service district. He stated that they go through committee, and a public process every time. [highscience@gmail.com](mailto:highscience@gmail.com)

Dave Bradford-- The risk of not providing enough water for the canyon was what prompted the building of the new well, which cost then gets dispersed to a small number of users. Question about term limits (which he answered that term limits exist when you get voted out). [dave@pegus.com](mailto:dave@pegus.com)

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One minute rebuttal time: Jamie asked why the people who implemented the system never put it to a vote. Mike Hughes answered that the people who don't want to be on the system don't have to be, it's a voluntary system. Bob Staggers stated that the EID becomes a power struggle, to which Dave Bradford said that the benefits are few and far between.

### **Cara Travino, Community Preservation and MSD Discussion**

September 16<sup>th</sup> will be a Town Hall meeting, but she is here in preparation for that meeting and to explain clearly what it is. She explained what the MSD is (Municipal Services District). Almost 100% of our public works comes from sales tax, not property tax. (Property Tax pays for fire and police.) If you're in the MSD, you benefit from the sales taxes of all the areas in the MSD. But smaller areas (the canyon, for instance) don't generate enough revenue to pay for our services. From a question from Joan Gallegos, a metro township firms up our boundaries, and gives that area representation to make decisions for themselves. The community will receive the ability to do the planning and zoning. Question about whether or not the canyon would have more control over the kind of events and the number of events that can be in the canyon (will be answered next week).

### **Rita Lund, SLCo Council Report and Community Preservation News**

Parks and Rec Master plan was adopted. Sam Granato asking for more ZAP applications ideas. The county will write the applications, but they need to know what we want. Jen Hawkes will email Rita Lund to get the application going for the funds to cover the mailings.

### **Officer Rusty Wright, UPD Report**

68 calls last month. One major incident—leading to two accidents, stolen mail, a stolen vehicle. Other than that: two traffic accidents, no major crimes. The county is working on fixing the guard rail. 2 vehicle break-ins.

### **Michael Conn, UFA Report**

19 home evaluations completed, UFA left information with the homeowners. Spent an hour at each, and the homeowners were receptive and appreciative. A resident asked about getting a fire danger sign at both ends of the canyon. UFA also wants to put up a temporary banner at the end of June with the firework ban, so everyone entering the canyon knows the restrictions. Michael Conn talked about our fire plan, and asked for volunteers from the Community Council and from residents as a whole. Rick Raile said that we'd put it in the next newsletter, with Michael Conn as the point of contact.

### **Joe Smolka on ECRIC**

Sept 29 from 5-7 will be the next open house, outlining what needs to be done in segments of the canyon. They've divided it into 10 segments, and assigning costs (including engineering, construction management, but not include inflation). The total cost is near 10 million, but we'd need 11 million to cover inflation over time. On the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>, get an explanation of the projects, and help prioritize the projects. Jen Hawkes and Joe Smolka want to pursue other funding options that came up in the ECRIC report. There are a lot of options in the ECRIC report that we need to pursue quickly. They'll pick something at the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to take to 30% completion. Meeting tomorrow with ECRIC and ECCC, here at 5:30-7:30.

Rick Raile mentioned that our community is number one for recycling in the county for the second year in a row.

**Steve Borst**

Relative to Kilyons and the road, several residents have contacted a new fire marshal, concerned that the canyon is really dry. The fire marshal and staff investigated and he deemed that the unpaved section of road is a fire lane, not a road, and as such there can be no parking on either side of the road. They will be putting up "no parking" signs along the road.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: October 13, 2015

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